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## Agenda & Minutes

Faculty Senate 2022-2023

March 7, 2023

Members Present: Teshome Abebe, Amy Davis, Matt Inverso, Stephen Kozlowski, Alicia Neal, Andy Parrish, Grant Sterling, Jeff Stowell, Anne Thibault Geen, Steve Scher.

Guests: Jay Gatrell, Timothy Zimmer, Director of Facilities, Planning & Management

- I. Approval of Minutes from February 21
  - a. Motion Senator Abebe, Second Sterling. All voted in favor of approval, no abstentions or opposed.
- II. Senate Reports
  - a. Executive (Bruns/Stowell/Mulvey)
    - i. State appropriations for higher education will be voted on March 16 and March 29 by Senate. Governor is recommending 7.2% increase to higher education. Currently, no performance based funding set. Increase in MAP funds, AIM High renewed. Expect reappropriations for science building. 3.3% net increase in Ledger I funds.
    - ii. EIU part of panel that participated in subject hearing on how US History is taught.
    - iii. US Senators Durbin and Duckworth are soliciting federal grant money and have asked EIU (and thus the Deans) to come up with projects that EIU needs funded. This is common practice and not all projects are funded, but it gives the Senators an opportunity to provide specific examples of what federal funding might do. Jay gave an example from COE of funding for off-campus cohort (\$750,000).
    - iv. EIU Think Tank (Abebe) meet on Friday afternoon. There are four projects underway and will distribute a white paper (Alternative grading to impact retention, Framework to meet the needs of international students applying to EIU)
  - b. Elections & Nominations (Stowell)
    - i. Move forward with nominations
  - c. Student & Staff Relations (Neal/Davis)
    - i. Jasmine Yusef reported student government was having problems making quorum (12 senators were present, need 15)
      1. "Spring Into Safety" recent event, "Coffee with a Cop" There are two upcoming events, Safe Zone and Narcan training. Dry Day Party at 7<sup>th</sup> street & underground for sexual assault and alcohol awareness. They will have a root beer keg and water pong tournament
    - ii. "Thank a Professor" notes will be distributed from students
    - iii. No report for Staff Relations

- d. Faculty Forum (Sterling)
    - i. No report
  - e. Awards (Scher)
    - i. Dr. Robert Columbo was selected for the Distinguished Faculty Award
  - f. Ad-hoc Academic Honesty and Student Standards (Thibault-Geen)
    - i. Jodie Stone will be joining the committee to revise the language to address concerns
- III. Provost's Report
- a. Dean evaluations have been distributed through email via a link
  - b. Strategic Plan - Two meetings scheduled – one at the end of March and a Town Hall the first week of April
  - c. Admissions are up to Honors, I-20's, first time students, and housing applications
  - d. Information on how to apply for the Interim provost position will go out this week
- IV. Guest Speaker: Director of Facilities, Planning & Management, Timothy Zimmer
- a. Shared new design for science building
  - b. Scheduling utilities outages during spring break to make repairs
  - c. Budget for permanent improvements has been approved and construction will begin this summer
  - d. McAfee repairs – Clock tower & masonry repair
  - e. Booth Library Steps – repairs completed to entry way steps
  - f. Food court – New vendor ACE Sushi
  - g. Women's basketball locker room repairs – donor funded
  - h. New science building – Ratio Architects, budget approved, state holds the contract. CDB Approved Budget - \$118,836,500 Estimated budget at current design - \$134,432,721
  - i. Utility tunnel repairs-Capital development board emergency project funding \$6,500,000. Seeking additional funding for repairs to steam lines, utility tunnel, improve safety and reliability
  - j. Cencere remodeling – East central Illinois hub for Illinois Innovation Network, remodeling of existing building, CDB project - \$1M
  - k. Lantz weight room update – supported by KSSR for recruitment and retention, donations from Athletics Immediate Impact. Highlight of campus tours. Roof replacement remaining

V. Resolution to Reconstitute Budget Review Committee (Sponsors Bruns and Abebe)

VI. RESOLUTION:

Recalling that one of the Senate's Committees was the Budget Review Committee, Further recalling that the Senate had discontinued the Budget Review Committee during the past few years,  
 Further reminding the Senators that the discontinuation of the Committee was conditioned on the ability to reconstitute the same when and as deemed necessary, It is hereby resolved that the Senate take action to reconstitute the Budget Review Committee beginning with the 2023-2024 session.

Motion Abebe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sterling. Motion passed 8-0 (1 abstention)

VII. By-laws revisions. After minor correction to the process for appointments, revisions approved unanimously (motion Abebe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Parrish).